In the meanwhile, as per a verdict of the Supreme Court, sweeping, cleaning, dusting and watching of buildings is now out of the prohibited category.

Committee to look into the affairs of CIL and BCCL

5254. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Committee was set up in 1993 to look into the affairs of Coal India Ltd. and BCCL Dhanbad and other related issues of coal, its resources etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the major findings of the Committee;

(d) whether in 1994 Chairman, Coal India Ltd. was asked to take action on the findings of the Committee;

(e) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(f) the reasons for not taking any action against BCCL, Dhanbad and its officials as well?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) A Government Committee under Shri R.N. Mishra, then CMD, NCL was set up on 27-07-1992 to investigate into the stock shortage in BCCL during the period from 1986-87 to 1992-93. The Committee submitted its report on 24.12.1993 to the Government.

(c) The Committee recommended certain measures for systems improvement to prevent further irregularities in coal stock shortages. These related to maintenance of optimum stock level, stacking of coal, despatch of slow moving stock, etc. The Committee had also recommended initiation of disciplinary proceedings against individual coal executives for coal stock shortage and over-reporting of production.

(d) Acceptance of the major recommendations of the report was conveyed to CIL on 22.4.1994 directing that show-cause notices be served to all those officers against whom *prime-facie* case has been established in the report.

(e) Most of the recommendations on systems improvement have been implemented. In addition, disciplinary action was initiated in 260 cases and has since been completed as under:

Sl. No.	Details of the case	No. of cases
1.	Number of cases in which panalties were imposed	77
2.	Number of cases in which administrative action was taken	18
3.	Number of cases in which the coal executives expired/retired before initiation of disciplinary proceedings	14
4.	Number of cases in which disciplinary proceedings were dropped after issue of chargesheets	28
5.	Number of cases in which chargesheeted executives were exonerated	123
	Total No. of cases	**260**

(f) Does not arise.

Bogus industries availing Government benefits

5255. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bogus industries under the Ministry of Coal are illegally availing the benefits of the scheme launched by Government to encourage the industries and are getting coal at price less than the market price;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the amount swindled off by these industries and the loss caused to the exchequer;

(d) whether some of these industries are indirectly run by the officials of the Coal India Limited, BCCL and CCL;